

Going-Goofy Games

The Adam Name Game

Everyone will get a turn to be “Adam” as the game progresses, so choose someone to be Adam first, someone else to be second, and so on. Everyone else will pretend to be an animal (bird, domestic animal, dinosaur, etc.). When Adam says, “Go!”, all of the animals start moving, making sounds, eating, etc., to pantomime their animal. As Adam recognizes an animal, he should touch that animal’s shoulder and name them—for example, “Cow.” If that is the right name, the animal sits down. If that is the wrong name, the animal remains standing and Adam interviews it. Adam may ask three questions, such as, “What color are you?” “What do you eat?”

“Where do you live?” “What kind of feet do you have?” If Adam recognizes the animal from its answers, then he names the animal, and it sits down. If Adam does not recognize the animal, it remains standing. After Adam has attempted to name all of the animals, count and record how many are sitting (that number becomes Adam’s “points”). Then, allow the next Adam to name the animals. You may want to become different animals for the different Adams.

The object of the game is to have the greatest number of points.

But, remember, everyone (including you) will get a chance to be Adam, so don’t make your animals too hard to guess!!!

Action Activity

How Big was the Ark?

This is an outdoor measuring and comparison activity for the whole family. You may want to do this activity in a park or a soccer field. Prepare to compare by putting a marker at the starting place at one end of the field. First, measure your dog or cat (or your neighbor’s dog or cat).

How big is it?

Measure out this length from your marker and put another marker at the end of the measurement. Second, using a measuring tape, measure out the length of an elephant.

How big is it? 10 feet long

Put a marker at the end of the ten foot

measurement. Third, using a measuring tape, measure out the length of a blue whale.

How big is it? 100 feet long

Put a marker at the end of the 100 foot measurement. Wow! Finally, using a measuring tape over and over and over and over again, measure out the length of the Ark.

How big is it? 450 feet long

Put a marker at the end of the 450 foot measurement. Double Wow! To really get a good idea of the size of the Ark, measure a seventy-five foot width to go with the four-hundred-fifty foot length. Stand one family member at each point of the Ark’s measurement and see how small everyone looks from that distance.